

PRAY • WHO / WHERE IS GOD IN ALL THIS?

Review. . .

Three Ways to Think About God

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Two Problems:

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HOW CAN GOD BE SO GOOD IF _____ HAPPENS? / 4 EXPLANATIONS, 1 RULE, BETTER ANSWER TO COME
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2. The book of Job has a **happy ending**.

42:7-17 • STANDARD STORY: JOB WAS FAITHFUL AND GOD REWARDED • WRONG IMPRESSION

TRUTH: God does not treat us as we **DESERVE**.

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Satisfied — Job 38-42:6 (p. 246)

WE START WITH 37:14... GET THE SENSE OF THE MOMENT

38:2-7 • God has a **PLAN** that we **CAN'T KNOW**.

38:8-15 • God **ORDERS** the universe. We **DON'T**.

38:16-21 • God **SEES** everything. We don't.

38:22-35 • God rules nature for **DISASTER** or **BLESSING**.

38:36-39:30 • God put **WISDOM** in the world. You didn't.

40:1-5 • (speechless)

40:4-14 • God is **JUDGE**. You **ARE NOT**.

40:15-41:34 • Mindless creatures are more **POWERFUL** than you.

42:1-6 • I was **IGNORANT**. I **REPENT**.

WHERE'S THE ANSWER? YOU SAID THERE WOULD BE AN ANSWER!

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He **KNOWS** what he's **DOING**.

And I **DON'T**. And that's **ENOUGH**.

Epilogue

Luke 24:17-35

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